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School Muddle at Supulka.

Attempt at Politics in School

The Tulsa Star Correspondent Was On The
Ground and Exposes The Game

SAPULPA, OKLA., July 9.—Tuesday night of the past week will always be remembered by the better element of the colored citizens of this city. Many honest-hearted persons who had nothing in their minds but to get results that would keep development upmost in the minds of youthful hearts to enable them to be equal to life's battle. But low and behold, a little band of clickers had met and formulated a plan to make a poor innocent lady who had never been discussed, or the least objection to her service the past term had been questioned, was made the beast of prey.

All kinds of attempts were made to railroad things to suit the clickers, but the table had to hold every motion that came before the voters. It was claimed that the meeting was not called for a demonstration of the parents; everybody knew that was in no way true. An attempt was made to select a principal. It was claimed the people did not turn out for that, yet they were so advised in the call. Professor Kirkpatrick, assistant superintendent, was present and made it plain that he had been invited to be present and

listen to the doings of the people and take their wishes to the superintendent as to who was the choice for principalship of the school. No person present could misunderstand Prof. Kirkpatrick's statement. He told the people they should have the interest of the children at heart and that he was deeply interested in their children. That statement fell from the lips of a white gentleman of polished standing and who have a bright future in public affairs. Later in the discussion a colored man flatly said the people did not turn out to elect a teacher or to have a demonstration. This will tell the whole story about the "COLORED MEN". The age demands men, honest men, truthful men. Then why not put your feet on all de-seeters, false pretenders and unreliable self interested men. The people well know that the dollar was all that some of the colored men had in mind and they did not hold the welfare of the children in the least consideration. Truth crushed to the earth will rise again and when dishonest persons sow high they will some day fall like a balloon.

Colored Dry Farming Congress

CALLS MEETING

The officers of the Colored organization of the Farmers Congress in Oklahoma are stirring up no little interest in the International Congress which meets in this city this fall and present plans point to a marked success of this organization here.

The following notice has been issued calling a meeting of this organization in Tulsa on July 22nd:

There will be a meeting of the Negro Farming Congress of Oklahoma at Tulsa, Tuesday, July 22, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m. This will be the most important meeting held since the organization of the Farming Congress. Matters of much importance to the Negro farmers, merchants and business men will be discussed. An invitation is extended to all colored men and women.

INMAN E. PAGE, Pres.
S. L. JAMES, Sec'y.

Fire at Motion Picture Show

ALMOST CAUSED PANIC

A near panic was caused at the Pastime Theater in the Cleaver building on N. Greenwood Monday night when the picture films caught fire and destroyed three reels of films and the machine. John Moore, the operator, narrowly escaped serious injury. When the blaze burst forth from the operator's booth there was a wild scramble for doors and windows by the hundred or more patrons within, but fortunately no

Miss Williams In Charge of

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Public Library and Reading Room for the Colored people of this city has employed Miss Nevada Williams who is in charge daily to serve the reading public. Miss Williams is putting forth her best efforts to make the reading room a success and she is meeting with encouragement.

An entertainment was given for the benefit of this institution Tuesday night and this will be repeated from time to time.

TO THE COLORED
CITIZENS OF TULSA.

The editor and manager of the Tulsa Star is making an earnest effort to give to the colored citizens of our city a good, clean and newsy weekly newspaper, in the interest of Tulsa and the colored people of Tulsa. Remember that it is your paper, your mouth piece and your protection, therefore, we earnestly appeal to you as good citizens and lovers of race pride and progress for your support. Not in talk or compliment of our work and efforts, but by your CASH, of which we are much in need to run the business and give you the kind of a paper that we know you want and like. The columns of the Tulsa Star shall always be open for all local news such as personals, deaths, births, socials, entertainments or anything of interest to our people and it shall be our aim to always present to the public the bright

side of all the people. So we ask you if you are already a reader or subscriber to this paper, and owe us for it, please call and pay the same because we need the money and need it badly, and if you are not a regular subscriber it is your duty as a citizen to subscribe NOW and help us make the Star the best Negro paper in Oklahoma to the credit of Tulsa and the colored people here. You can well afford to pay such small amount for such a valuable enterprise as the STAR. Think of it! 15c for one month or 3 months for 35 cents. Every colored person in Tulsa should read this paper at this price.

Our collector, Miss Boyd, will call and see you and we expect you to order and pay for this paper and have it left at your home every Friday.

Out of town patronage will receive the best attention and the paper for 6 months at 65 cents or one year for \$1.00.

All subscriptions **Must Be Paid in Advance.**

Agents wanted everywhere.

Yours for success,
W. H. CARTER, Mgr.

Another Minister Joins in The Fight

On East Archia Resorts

RCV. F. K. WHITE HAS SHOULDERED ARMS

Special to the Star:

For Zion's sake I'll not hold my peace. In the light of justice and decency, the fearless editor of The Tulsa Star has championed the righteous cause of the decent citizens and religious interest of all Tulsa. He should not bear the burden alone in denouncing the present day evils right in our path and at our door. I join in with the editor of the Star, Mr. A. J. Smitherman, in calling the attention to the indecency of a certain district of luteness and

lurement of wide open infamed residences on Archer street, the most popular street leading to and from the city. One's own observation should be sufficient to arouse the best citizens of our people to do as I am asking you, my Church, to do by resolutions and other just means, join in with me as an humble gospel preacher to beseech the city authorities to take action to have these houses closed and, if necessary, the lewd characters of the women leave the city and impose fines upon men who frequent these houses. I care nothing about what criticism may come against me for my saying and my proceedings. I'll bear it with delight for the sake of my young girls and boys. I wish to call attention to another forward step and words of right with no uncertain sound from Dr. J. F. Kersh on this subject. God bless you Dr. Kersh, here is my hand. The war has just begun. Readers, you are all at liberty to step into the fight for or against. I'm in the fight to stay as long as space will be given in the Star for my public opinion and I remain in this pulpit.

Yours for a better moral and religious standard in Tulsa.

F. K. WHITE, D. D.,
Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church.

I thank you dear Christian members and friends for your Resolution of Condemnation.

Farmers Benevolent Organized

With Ladies Auxiliary

At a call meeting held in the colored reading room on North Greenwood Monday night for the purpose of organizing a branch chapter of the Farmers' Benevolent Association of Oklahoma, quite a number of citizens participated. After a few preliminary remarks by Mr. Brown of Merick, Okla., concerning the organization, J. M. Dumas, president of the organization of Merick, Okla., presented and proceeded to organize a branch chapter. The following officers were elected: J. H. Williams, chairman, 524 N. Greenwood Ave.; J. S. Kirby, secretary, 215 E. Cannon St.; R. T. Homes, treasurer.

At a meeting called for the purpose of organizing a ladies' department of the Farmers' Benevolent Association of Chapter No. 3 of Tulsa, Chairman J. H. Williams and Secretary J. S. Kirby were present. At the meeting quite a number of the best ladies of Tulsa were present. Chairman Williams made a few preliminary remarks, which enthused the audience very much, after which the organization was perfected and the officers elected. Mrs. Dora Kirby was elected president. In her usual happy way she accepted the office and said that she would do all she could to make the organization a success. Mrs. F. M. Carr was elected secretary; Mrs. E. Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Frances Gibbons, chaplain; Mr. Burten, sergeant-at-arms. All these officers stated that they would make this chapter a success.

WHY OKLAHOMA PAYS TOO MUCH FOR COAL

Why is it that Oklahoma people pay more for their coal than any other state in the Union, with, possibly, one or two exceptions? Why is it that coal that sells over the state for about \$8.00 a ton, the year around, can be bought in Illinois and Indiana for from \$3.00 to \$3.75 per ton, less than half as much? Why is it that the production of coal in Oklahoma has shown no increase in the past ten years while coal production throughout the nation has doubled? Why is it that miners in Oklahoma worked only 144 days in 1910 while the average for the United States, including Arkansas where the miners worked less than they did in Oklahoma, was 217 days? Why is it that the cost of coal at the mine in Oklahoma in 1910 was \$2.22 a ton while the average cost in the United States was but \$1.12?

These are some of the questions that were presented to the last legislature and they were asked by the consumers of coal in Oklahoma to appoint a committee and look into these questions and see if there was anything that could be done to change affairs. That committee was appointed and spent several weeks off and on, taking testimony in various parts of the state. They had before them miners, coal mine owners, coal dealers and every person who could throw any light on the questions at issue.

That legislative committee was not interested in any controversies between the miners and their employers. They were not interested in anything except an effort to get cheaper coal for their constituents. If there was any law that could legally be passed, and that would be fair to everyone connected with the industry and at the same time be fair to the people of the state, for whom this committee was acting, they felt that it should be passed.

And so the mining laws were revised and amended in certain particulars in response to the report of that committee to the legislature. Not only did the committee seek to lower the price of coal but they sought to safeguard the lives of the men who go down in the mines every day. Certain practices had grown up that were, according to the testimony of government and state officials, not only dangerous to the lives of the men who worked in the mines but dangerous to the existence of the mine itself. These were prohibited by the new law. One of these practices was shooting off the solid known as section 18 of the law. This practice has been abandoned in almost every state in the Union, not only because it results in an enormous increase in the cost of production but because it endangers the lives of the miners. That is just what enlightened sentiment in the Oklahoma legislature demanded and enacted into law.

Every man interested in the lives of the people of the state, in the production of coal at a price that will give it to the people of the state at a reasonable figure will heartily endorse the law. A referendum vote will be taken on the law. If you believe in cheaper coal and greater safety for the lives of the men who toll in the mines you will vote NO. Every man in Oklahoma should take the time to cast a ballot on this question. The members of the legislature who investigated these questions did it for the good of the state at large. They sought to aid every one and not to injure any one. They are our representatives and we should stand by them. The question is shall what they have done for the people be vetoed? We answer NO.

VOTE NO. SPECIAL ELECTION AUGUST 5